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## MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS COSTLY AND PREVENTABLE

Here is a list of ten traits of drivers who are frequently either ticketed or involved in accidents. As motor vehicle accidents are not only costly, but can cause serious injuries and general inconvenience, we ask that you review these traits and modify your behavior to reduce your chance of being in a motor vehicle accident.



- When you reach a stop sign and no one is coming from another direction, do you roll through rather than stopping?
- Do you talk on the cell phone while driving instead of pulling off the road to talk?
- Do you take food and drink on the road with you, driving with one hand and eating or drinking with the other?
- If you're in a crowded area and looking for a parking place, do you become so focused on your search that you lose sight of the cars and pedestrians around you?
- Are you frustrated driving behind SUVs or other large vehicles that obstruct your view?
- Does your driving change when you go into areas with high police presence?
- Does listening to music while driving sometimes leave you oblivious to all but the music?
- Do you find yourself in confrontations on the road, either through verbal arguments or hand gestures, because of either your own driving habits or the habits of others?
- Does your "work hard, play hard" lifestyle leave you sleepy behind the wheel at times?
- When you're driving with passengers, do you turn around to talk, taking your eyes and mind off the road?

We offer Defensive Driving training. If interested, contact your Loss Control Rep to learn about training for your municipal employees.